(b) As per information received from State Government 38,466 persons have been made literate during the period.

(c) The goal of National Literacy Mission is to attain full literacy *i.e.* a sustainable threshold level of 75% by 2005. As per census 2001 (Provisional) the literacy rate of Arunachal Pradesh is 54.74%.

Acceptance/Rejection of Baldev Mahajan Committee Recommendations

*135. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Baldev Mahajan Committee's recommendations, accepted by the Board of Governors of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan in 2000, were rejected in 2001, without even implementing the same; and

(b) if so, the details and the rationale of such decision of the Board?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) The recommendations of the Baldev Mahajan Committee necessitated a flexible budget for KVS and it was a prerequisite for the implementation of these recommendations. Govt. did not agree with this recommendation. It was therefore decided by the Board of Governors of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan not to implement the recommendations of the Baldev Mahajan Committee.

Education Officers without B.Ed. Degree in KVS

*136. SHRI ABDUL GAIYUR QURESHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are many such Education Officers in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan who had not secured the B.Ed. degree, before their appointment to the post;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons and justification of their selection, without an